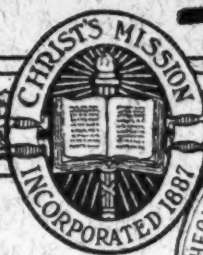


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THE LIVING DEAD



Mourn not the dead
That in the cool earth lie,
Dust unto dust;
The calm sweet earth
That mothers all who die,
As all men must.

But rather mourn
The apathetic throng,
The cowed and weak,
*Who see the world's great anguish
And its wrong,
And dare not speak!*

—Ralph Chaplin.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE CATHOLIC ISSUE

EVIDENCES of the forging of a new anti-democratic axis—Washington-Madrid-Rome—are disturbing the lovers of liberty and all who are working hard for the ideal of a United Nations' post-war world.

Most disturbing of all is the fact that the Vatican is being made the machine-shop in which most of the work for this new axis is being done, and that when it is finished it will be a Clerical-Fascist axis on which the wheels of post-war Europe will turn. Its chief welders are Franco's Colonel Beigbeder in Washington, Archbishop Spellman in Rome, Ambassador Carleton Hayes in Madrid and Robert Murphy in North Africa—Roman Catholics all.

The seriousness of this situation need not be stressed. Ostensibly an effort under the plea of military necessity and as a check on social revolution, after the fall of Hitler and Mussolini, it constitutes a real danger of re-establishing Fascism with just a new label.

This new turn of events has at least one compensation; it has awakened the American public to the fact that we can no longer afford to close our eyes to the part that is being played by the Roman Catholic church in sabotaging a United Nations' victory in favor of Fascism.

SIGNS OF PROTESTANT REVIVAL

KENNETH LESLIE, editor of *The Protestant*, was honored by a testimonial dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on March 23. Rev. J. A. MacCallum, well-known Protestant leader, was chairman.

Pierre van Paassen, celebrated author, gave a stirring address touching on the Fascist plot to win the peace through the political intrigues of Vatican politicians and their emissaries such as Archbishop Spellman. With invincible facts he outlined the plot to fasten a regime of Clerical Fascism on continental Europe through the cooperation of the Vatican and our Washington State Department, just as has been done in North Africa.

Johannes Steel, newspaper columnist and radio commentator, also spoke endorsing the statements of Mr. van Paassen. He stressed, in addition, that if Rommel were to hold out in Tunisia, our American troops might be victims of an African 'Pearl Harbor' at the hands of Franco's Nazi-commanded troops.

John Hammond, Jr., who presided at the dinner, mentioned that Max Jordan, newly-appointed Catholic official of NBC radio network, prevented the broadcasting of Mr. van Paassen's speech.

Messages of congratulation were received from many prominent persons, among which were the following, which we quote in part:

Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, wrote:

"Politically speaking, the basic doctrines of Protestantism are those of democracy. Respect for the individual soul, the right to judge for oneself, freedom of conscience—these are some of the fundamental tenets of Protestantism; they are also the underlying principles of democracy.

"In its youth, in the days of Milton and Cromwell, Protestantism was a vigorous militant faith. But success dulled its fighting edge. In many places it became apologetic and defensive. In the crisis that has recently engulfed the world, Protestant leadership has not been all that it could have been, but I believe that there is now evidence of a genuine Protestant revival."

Van Wyck Brooks, eminent author said:

"It is good to be reminded of all we owe to Protestantism—popular education, the spread of civil liberties, toleration, the growth of democracy and the growth of science. These precious possessions are threatened now not only by Nazis and Fascists but almost as much by other religious bodies—which have never accepted them at heart—and this is the time to say so."

LEASE-LEND TO THE POPE?

CAMILLE M. CIANFARRA, former New York Times correspondent in Rome, reminds us (in the N. Y. Times for March 21, 1943) that:

"At the time the Lateran treaty between Italy and the Vatican was signed in 1939, Mussolini gave the Papacy one billion lire in State bonds and 750,000,000 lire in cash."

If and when Mussolini goes and democracy is established in Italy, this huge financial stake of the Pope in Fascist

Italy goes with it. It is therefore not impossible that, by way of compensation for its loss, the Pope may try to strike a bargain with President Roosevelt to have American lease-lend extended to his Vatican State.

POPE'S PACT WITH THE DEVIL

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, leading Roman Catholic apologist in America, startled the country recently by "scooping" for the newspapers his speculations that Archbishop Spellman of New York flew to Madrid and Rome to make arrangements for the secret removal of the Pope by submarine to Brazil. His published speculations had a purpose: to distract attention from the real reasons for the Spellman mission.

Of interest, however, in one of Mr. Williams' articles (in the Brooklyn Eagle of Feb. 21) was his quotation of the following statement made by the late Pope Pius XI to newspapermen in Rome:

"The Head of the Catholic Church would consider it his duty to deal with the Devil himself, to say nothing about any mortals who, hypothetically, or in reality, were merely agents of the Dictator of Diabolism, if reasonable grounds existed to support the hope that such dealings would protect, or advance, the interests of religion among mankind."

If you want to know how Jesus Christ treated the devil when the latter offered him "all the kingdoms of the world" if Christ would make a pact with him—then, read the 4th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel . . . "Get thee hence, Satan! Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

This expressed willingness of a Pope to make a pact with the Devil recalls the following statement of Thomas Carlyle, eminent English historian, about the Jesuits:

"Truly they have achieved great things in the world. Men had served the Devil and men had very imperfectly served God; but to think that God could be served more perfectly by taking the Devil into partnership—this was the novelty of St. Ignatius."

Neither the word "Jesuitism" nor the thing, Carlyle further tells us, had any prototype in Nature before the Jesuit Order was founded by Ignatius Loyola in 1540. He means that Jesuitism and all it stands for constituted a new perversion in the order of nature, that among all evils that preceded it, none was so subtle, so perfectly organized, so all-pervasive. Jesuitism has poisoned the wellsprings of truth in the whole world.

GIRAUD AND DE GAULLE

VATICAN authorities have long planned on General Henri Giraud as the keystone of their post-war plans for France, having lost hope in General de Gaulle since his decision to fight for the restoration of the French Republic.

Clerical pressure, however, has recently been exerted on de Gaulle who, like Giraud, is a faithful Catholic, to have him come to an agreement with Giraud on terms previously considered unsatisfactory to democratic interests.

The *Chicago Sun* in a dispatch of March 30 from London stated as follows:

"Archbishop Spellman addressed a strong appeal to Gen. Charles de Gaulle last week to come to terms with Gen. Henri Giraud, it was learned here today . . . The Archbishop urged Gen. de Gaulle to avoid assuming too arbitrary an attitude when he confers with Gen. Giraud shortly."

Our next issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE will contain a most interesting article on the background and character of General Giraud.

MORE PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES

ANNOUNCEMENT was made by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church on February 20 that 163 new missionaries will be appointed during the next fiscal year. This is the largest number in many years, and indicates a vigor in Protestant evangelistic work that belies the charge by Catholic spokesmen that Protestantism is dead.

Preparations are also being made to carry the light of the Gospel to Spain and other Catholic countries of Europe after the war, when it is hoped that all of the Four Freedoms will be established in all countries now oppressed by the greater and lesser Fascisms.

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UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE



ABOVE IS A REPRODUCTION OF A POSTAGE STAMP FROM SPAIN BEFORE IT BECAME A DEMOCRACY IN 1931. ON THE LEFT IS POPE PIUS XI, AND ON THE RIGHT, THE LATE KING ALFONSO XIII.

The pope is pictured with his tiara or *triregno*, "Crown of his Three Kingdoms."

When a pope is crowned, this tiara is placed on his head with these words:

"Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, Vicar of our Saviour Jesus Christ."

—Quoted from the official *National Catholic Almanac* for 1942, p. 171.

IN LUTHER'S STEPS

THE CONVERSION OF REV. EVARISTO FALCÓ, FORMER PRIEST

By WILLIAM G. ARBAUGH

(West Indies Representative of the Lutheran Board of American Missions)

The author here tells the story of former priest Evaristo Falcó whose footsteps he guided out of the Roman Catholic priesthood into the ministry of the Lutheran church. Mr. Falcó is now the author's successor in the pastorate of St. Paul's Lutheran church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is vice president of the Puerto Rican Lutheran Conference and one of the three members of the Administrative Committee of the Lutheran Board of Missions there.

We are happy also to be able to add Pastor Falcó's own testimony to Mr. Arbaugh's story which follows:

EVARISTO FALCÓ never had a fair opportunity to decide whether or not he wanted to be a priest. At the age of ten he was placed by his widowed mother in the diocesan seminary at Orihuela, Spain. The education that he received there fitted him for one vocation only, that of the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church. The influence of his environment and the indoctrination of his teachers, the only adults with whom he could talk things over, directed the boy's thinking toward the priesthood. There really was no choice, however convinced he may have been at the time that he was making a choice. At any rate, he was ordained a priest in Orihuela when he was 23 years old.

After three years as parish priest and teacher of Latin in a Roman Catholic academy, he received permission to study at the University of Valencia. The following year he received the degree of licentiate there, and two years later satisfactorily completed his credits for the doctor's degree. He did not obtain his diploma, however, because he lacked the money necessary for the presentation of his thesis. His studies

at Valencia were principally in the departments of philosophy and systematic theology.

Several months after completing his studies at the university he left his native Spain, with ecclesiastical permission, to work as a parish priest in the diocese of Barquisimeto in Venezuela. He labored there for almost ten years, during the last four of which he was a canon of the cathedral. After prolonged doubts he resolved at last to leave the Roman Catholic priesthood and came to Puerto Rico in April, 1935. In the fall of 1936 he came to know the Lutheran church, and early in the following year he was confirmed by me as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church of San Juan. In August 1938 he was ordained as a Lutheran minister, and the following Sunday he was installed as my successor in the pastorate of St. Paul's church. His ministry there has been richly blessed, the membership having doubled and the offerings tripled during these four and a half years.

Pastor Falcó is the only former priest among the Lutheran ministers of this island, and he is highly esteemed by all his brethren. He is vice president of

our Puerto Rico Conference and is one of the three members of the mission's Administrative Committee. Although his health does not permit much activity, he is indefatigable in his labors and unflagging in his zeal, greatly beloved by all the members of his congregation and by all others who know him. Virtually every waking moment he spends in the Lord's work. He is widely known as an eloquent preacher, and one of his

regrets is that lack of time compels him to decline most of the invitations to give addresses or sermons throughout Puerto Rico.

In his addresses he usually refers to the fact that he was once a priest, but the reference is a casual one and not emphasized. He longs to be known not for what he was, but for what he is, a Lutheran pastor.

MR. FALCÓ'S OWN TESTIMONY

Puerta de Tierra, P.R.,
February 3, 1943.

Christ's Mission,
229 W. 48th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I take great pleasure in making this the occasion of discussing for the first time a matter concerning which I had promised myself to keep silence. I refer to my separation from the Roman Catholic priesthood.

I have been moved to break this silence because of the information which has come to me of the work of mercy that you are doing in helping, as best you can, the priests of the Roman Catholic church who leave the priesthood for one reason or another. My own experience convinces me that few causes so worthy as this can be found in which to serve God by doing good to one's neighbor. If the Lord had granted me contact with such a work, I would have found much sooner that which through His mercy I at last succeeded in finding: peace of soul and the joy of truly working for the glory of God and for the good of my fellow men.

From about the age of eighteen to thirty-nine, my life was one of great spiritual anguish, causing me some times a sense of painful exaltation, and at other times despair and strong temptations to doubt.



**FORMER PRIEST EVARISTO FALCÓ,
NOW PASTOR OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAN JUAN, P.R.**

It would be difficult to single out any person or incident entirely responsible for my decision to leave the church of Rome. I believe it was rather the mercy of God that led me to take this step. No human agency could have brought such peace to my troubled conscience and ended my progressive state of disillusionment, thus freeing me finally from the unjust and heavy yoke of bondage which had been offered to me in the name of God, and which I, falsely guided, had accepted in youth in the belief that I could not only bear it, but also experience happiness in bearing it.

Experiences, both inner and outward, aroused serious doubts about the casuistry of the Roman theologians and their claim that the Roman Catholic church was the only true and infallible church

founded by Jesus Christ. Acceptance of this claim on my part was never altogether satisfactory. My spiritual problems were never solved either by Roman theology or by the guidance of the confessional. I can see now that these problems of conscience of mine were the same that burdened the greater part of the priests that I knew in Europe and in America.

The mode of presenting the matter of celibacy; of presenting the tradition and the infallible authority of the Church, from which springs the attributing to God of doctrines and practices invented by men, although these men in many instances may have had the best of intentions in spite of their mistaken outlook . . . The adaptability of casuistry in sustaining the goodness and truth of things which were imposed *sub gravi* and which were not ordinarily observed in spite of the willing disposition which the better men strive, at least for a time, to possess . . . The arbitrariness of the ecclesiastical hierarchy and the concentration of its power and interests in matters far from

spiritual in nature . . . And, above all, the continual insecurity of this sadly burdened life. Add to these the completely superficial and superstitious conception of Christian faith and practice held by the immense majority of those who call themselves Roman Catholics, and the practical indifference of the clergy, taken as a whole, toward this lamentable state of affairs. These were some of the reasons that brought about this feeling of disillusionment to which I have already referred.

I held a number of different posts that varied as to rank and responsibility, and of all that I accomplished and of all things in which I had a part, I honestly confess that I can recall little that was genuinely guided by the longing to obey God and adequately to shepherd His flock. A host of good things were said and done, but the matter of a good conscience was scarcely to be observed.

On leaving the Roman Catholic priesthood I did not so much as consider the idea of taking up any other religious work, so utter was my disil-



THIS IS ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SAN JUAN, P.R., OF WHICH FORMER PRIEST, REV. EVARISTO FALCÓ, IS NOW PASTOR.

lusionment! But our heavenly Father willed otherwise. The plan of salvation as presented by the Augsburg Confession and the Apology⁷ to the Augsburg Confession, has given me that for which my soul had always longed. Stated differently, the understanding of God's plan as offered by the New Testament, rightly read, is the only real cause for that which I shall call my conversion.

My peace is complete when I know and remember that Christ has paid my ransom, and the joy that I feel as I walk in the Savior's footsteps has not the slightest resemblance to my former anguish of soul. With all my heart I thank the Lord for His mercy in calling me to labor in His vineyard. I wish also to take this occasion to express my gratitude to the Lutheran church which was the instrument chosen by God to bring about this happy change in my life.

Please consider me a true friend and admirer of the worthy work that you are doing, and be sure that I shall commend both you and your work to the Lord in prayer.

Sincerely yours,

EVARISTO FALCÓ.

P.S. I wrote this letter originally in Spanish. The English translation is by my friend and co-laborer, William G. Arbaugh, West Indies representative of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.
—E. F.

CHAPLAINS IN CONGRESS

CHAPLAINS of both the House of Representatives and of the Senate in Washington are now clergymen of the Methodist church. For many years the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, a retired Methodist minister, has been chaplain to the House, and recently the Senate appointed the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, minister of the Foundry Methodist Church on 14th Street, as its chaplain to succeed the late Rev. Z. Barney Phillips, dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral.

"CENTURIES HAVE PASSED since our fathers broke with Rome, and a new generation has arisen that knows little about the Protestant exodus and of the struggles in the wilderness.

"Some, from a cowardly dislike of religious controversy, some from fear of damaging their personal interests or of disturbing their personal peace and comfort, and some from a desire to appear tolerant, liberal and broad-minded in these days, prefer to be silent on the Roman Catholic question. It seems to be an inconvenient subject for those who have political aspirations, for the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant, because of the tyranny which the church of Rome exercises through her tremendous organization.

"Hence many public men have deliberately ignored the subject, while some of our church members regard it as a 'bore'. The result is, on the part of the people, a lamentable ignorance both of the evils from which the Reformation delivered us, and of the blessings which the Reformation brought us.

"Whatever we have of religious liberty in the nation, of purity and happiness in the home, and of personal independence of conscience, we owe to the Protestant Reformation, to separation from the Roman Catholic church."—Methodist Bishop Burt in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, Oct. 19, 1920.

EXCESS BISHOPS

MANY bishops of the Catholic church have no diocese or even a congregation. Although they are full-fledged bishops, they are called just "titular bishops" that is, they have a title to some desert place in Asia or Africa but no jurisdiction or functions in that locality.

A titular bishop of this kind was consecrated in St. Patrick's cathedral in New York on January 23, the Most Reverend William Tiburtus McCarthy. He was made Bishop of Anaea, which the N. Y. *Times* described as "a small tobacco-trading center in Asia Minor with a population of 300, all of whom are Moslems."

ST. PATRICK NEVER EXISTED!

LATEST historical discovery proves that the St. Patrick we have always talked about, the Patrick of legend and popular veneration, never existed.

The discovery has been made by a very learned Irishman and devout Roman Catholic, Professor Thomas O'Rahilly, Ireland's foremost Celtic scholar, who has written his findings under the title of *The Two Patricks*. The Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies is the publisher.

Reporting from Dublin for the New York *Times* of February 14, Sean O'Faolain says:

"This paper has proved beyond yea or nay that St. Patrick never existed; that is to say, the St. Patrick of legend and popular veneration. O'Rahilly has thrown the country, the church, the pious and the traditional into utter dismay by proving that there were two St. Patricks, whose lives were later commingled, by error or design, in order to glorify the ancestry of the See of Armagh, whereabouts the second and minor St. Patrick worked."

Professor O'Rahilly further proves that the real Patrick who evangelized the Irish in the fifth century was crowded out by a later and comparatively insignificant Patrick who has come to receive unmerited renown and homage.

It has always been our contention that St. Patrick, who is honored by the present-day church of Rome as one of its most faithful sons, had nothing in common with the St. Patrick who brought the light of the Christian Gospel to the Irish people in the year 432. There was no Roman Catholic church then as we know it today, nor did it exist for many centuries after 432.

Thus has been exploded one more legendary saint whose exploits were invented to bolster the false claims of Roman Catholicism in the minds of credulous people.



HAIR SHIRTS

SALVATION by works has led the Roman Catholic church to queer excesses. It has continued, through the Dark Ages down to the present day, practices of self-chastisement that had their origin in the Near East where it was widely believed, in pagan and early Christian times, that the body was a vile creation and the temporary prison-house of the immortal soul.

The New York *Times* of March 22, 1943, carries the following report:

NUNS MAKE HAIR SHIRTS

Penance Garments Still Worn by Persons in Britain

In remote convents in Britain nuns are still engaged in one of the country's oldest and strangest industries — hair-shirt making — the London "Sunday Express" relates.

It seems that monks and very pious people wear the garments, which are extremely uncomfortable, for purposes of penance. The full-size shirts of olden days have nearly disappeared, and now a scapula, or a belt in which is woven horsehair and in some cases human hair, is worn instead.

This form of penance dates right back to the saints, but only in very rare instances today do laymen adopt it, a priest told a reporter.



THOSE who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

—Abraham Lincoln.

THE NEW FASCISM

By J. J. MURPHY

ALARM is spreading at the many definite signs pointing to the eventual betrayal of our expected victory over the military forces of Nazism and Fascism. It is becoming clearer every day that forces are already at work who, while clamoring for the elimination of Hitler and Mussolini, aim to dominate post-war Europe by the establishment of regimes there which will retain all the hated elements of Fascism under a different label. They comprise the forces which have always been determined to counteract, at all costs, every trend toward greater social progress, and especially the influence of Russia in Europe. At the head of these reactionary forces stands the Roman Catholic church.

This new kind of Fascism has already been named. By some it is being called *Para-Fascism* — Fascism covered over and protected by these reactionary elements. Others prefer to call it openly by its real name, which is *Clerical Fascism*, for its pivot is Roman Catholicism. Not out of love for the Catholic church, but rather out of selfish necessity, international Big Business interests are aligning themselves with these Clerical-Fascist forces. They know that with the passing of Hitler and Mussolini, the Papacy will remain the great and only reactionary force in Europe. They know that the Papacy, having failed to gain its ends by its support of Hitler and Mussolini, is ready now, for a price, to play the same part for them in protecting French-German industrial and financial interests from the "red menace."

It must not be forgotten that Hitler and Mussolini were set up in power in order to save Europe for certain big-money interests and the Catholic church. Both of them paid the price—the business interests in millions of money, the Vatican in concordats and agreements with both the major dictators and the lesser ones, all of whom are Roman Catholics. Fritz Thyssen, German Catholic steel magnate, tells of the cash payments of the big industrialists in his book, *I Paid Hitler*. Proof of the Papacy's part can be seen in the agreements, signed by Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, the present Pope Pius XII, with Hitler in 1933, and by his predecessor Pius XI with Mussolini in 1929. It should not be surprising, therefore, that these same forces that established the twin dictators in power, should now conspire again to attain their ends by other but less open means.

The Quisling experiment with Darlanism in North Africa was the first open indication of the move toward the new Fascism. It is now fully recognized that it was not a mere matter of military necessity to save American lives, but the beginning of the planned establishment of Clerical Fascism for all of Europe. Our State Department, in the person of Jesuit-trained Robert Murphy in North Africa, arranged and subsequently confirmed all that was done. Charles Collingswood, broadcasting from Algiers, put it succinctly when he declared: "These are not North African politics. These are the politics of Europe."

CONTINUED FASCIST APPEASEMENT

THE HAND OF THE VATICAN

So great has been the esteem in which Secretary of State Cordell Hull has been held by everyone, that Americans failed to detect the hidden Fascist hand of appeasement in our State Department's policy toward Italy up to June 1940, toward Japan up to its attack on Pearl Harbor, toward the Vichy regime in France up to last November and now in North Africa, and, finally, toward Spain right up to the present day.

As reported in the *New York Times* of last January 14, Mr. Hugh Grant, former U. S. Minister to Albania and later to Thailand, made the following startling accusation in Louisville, Kentucky:

"It is a well-known fact that Mr. Cordell Hull stands very high in the esteem of the American people. It is all the more tragic, therefore, that this statesman, through no fault of his own, has no actual control over the organization of which he is the head."

On March 10, Representative Bender of Ohio said in Congress:

"Personally I am thoroughly sick of the near disasters to which certain elements in the State Department have brought this nation. A house-cleaning is in order, gentlemen, and I propose that it be undertaken now."

Representative Bender introduced a resolution asking for a Congressional investigation of the State Department, "with particular reference to our policies in regard to Russia, Spain and North Africa." He demanded the recall of Ambassador Carleton J. Hayes from Spain and of Minister Robert D. Murphy from North Africa.

"Just as we are in sight of victory," declared Max Lerner over Station WQXR on March 3, "we seem to be determined to build up a set of reactionary regimes in Europe, and to lose the peace internationally."

The influence of the Vatican on the policies of the U. S. Department of State began with the establishment of the Jesuits' "School of Foreign Service" at their Georgetown University in Washington. From that time on, more and more Roman Catholics infiltrated into the diplomatic service. When during the first two terms of President Roosevelt, patronage-dispenser Jim Farley placed thousands of Catholics in various governmental agencies, the State Department got its full share. Reports by the thousand on Spain, North Africa, Latin America and other important countries were written or approved by Catholics or Catholic-minded officials such as Adolph Berle, Jr. Since ultimate State Department decisions and policies are largely determined by these reports, it is little wonder that our appeasement policy fell into line with the wishes of the Vatican. Chief among these were:

1. The embargo on arms to Loyalist Spain;
2. Appointment of a virtual American ambassador to the Pope;
3. Appointment of Catholic William Donovan as 'roving ambassador' in Southeastern Europe, and his later appointment as head of the super-secret Office of Strategic Services;
4. Appointment of Catholic Admiral Leahy as ambassador to Vichy France;
5. Appointment of Robert Murphy to North Africa;
6. Appointment of Patrick J. Hurley to New Zealand and the whole southwest Pacific area;
7. Appointment of Carleton J. Hayes as ambassador to Franco Spain.

To these should be added the attempts to obtain ambassadorial appointments for other Roman Catholics—which failed only because of their sordid political records. Chief among

these were Curley of Boston and Flynn of New York.

PLAYING IN WITH FRANCO

American appeasement of the ultra-Catholic and Fascist government of Franco Spain has been directed all along by the Vatican. It has been more noticeable than ever since the appointment of Mr. Carleton Hayes as U. S. ambassador, whose recent public pronouncements pledged the maintenance of the Franco regime and told of the material help sent to Spain from America. In an editorial on February 28, the New York *Herald-Tribune* said:

"As a purely emotional reaction, most Americans will resent the fact that one of Hitler's friends should be able to obtain necessities which this country finds great difficulty in supplying to its own friends—and to itself."

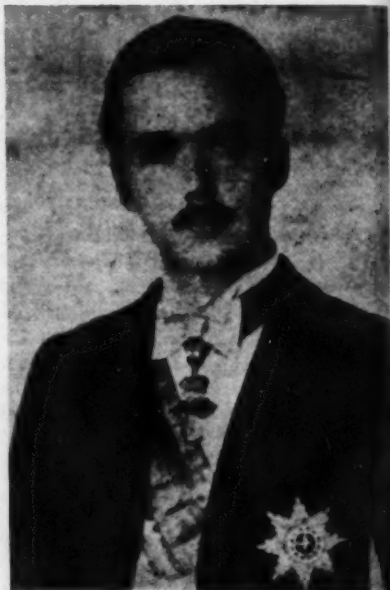
Quoting from Thomas Hamilton's new book, *Appeasement's Child*, Drew Pearson, in his column of February 24, relates how our Government appeased Franco with an offer of \$100,000,000 credit in 1940 and later gave it to him by a roundabout deal with Argentina. He says:

"Lieut. Hamilton relates how in the winter of 1940, Franco was riding roughshod over American interests, how the Fascists were thumbing their noses at the United States, and how all this culminated in the stoning of the American Embassy . . . Ambassador Weddell immediately asked for an interview to protest the incident. But over a week elapsed before Mr. Weddell was able to see Franco. At last, however, the interview took place, and we offered the once famous \$100,000,000 credit instead of demanding an apology."

SUPPORT OF OTTO VON HAPSBURG

The Vatican plan for the restoration of the Catholic Hapsburgs to the throne of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, which included several countries

that became independent after the last world war, appears at least partly to have been endorsed by our State Department.



OTTO OF HAPSBURG, PRETENDER TO THE THRONE OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

Otto is a refugee but claims exemption from military service in this country by virtue of diplomatic status granted him by the Government of Catholic Belgium. He abuses the hospitality of our democratic country by organizing a movement for the monarchical re-enslavement of the peoples of several countries of Central Europe. He has himself addressed "Your Majesty," and regards himself "by the grace of God Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, King of Bohemia" and so forth. He exacts oaths of allegiance from his adherents. The heavy financing of his monarchist movement is shrouded in secrecy. But it is known

to be closely connected with various Fascist groups, such as the Fascist Imperial Policy group in England, the Fascist Horthy faction in Hungary and others.

The Hapsburgs and the Vatican have cooperated for centuries in forcing the conversion of Orthodox Slavs, in plotting to destroy democracy in North America, during our Civil War, by establishing Maximilian of Austria as Emperor of Mexico.

Ignoring the protest of all democratic Austrian and Slav organizations, our War Department entered the picture some months ago by delegating Otto to establish an Austrian Legion of residents of America as a special part of the U. S. Army. It is claimed that the idea was the brainchild of Adolph Berle of the State Department. In authorizing the formation of the Military Committee by Otto, Secretary of War Stimson addressed him by the quasi-imperial title of "Otto of Austria."

Otto's letter, addressed to his "fellow countrymen," bears the names of his potential imperial cabinet, and appeals to all Austro-Americans to join "whether you are suited for military service or not," guaranteeing to all, even if not accepted, "a badge of honor which will mark them before the whole world as Austrian volunteers." The *New York Post* of last December 19, proved that Otto had access to names of Austrian aliens which could have been obtained only from Government files.

Representatives of seven Central European countries, liberals, democratic and labor leaders, have protested to our Government against Otto's intrigues.

APPEASEMENT OF VICHYITES

The Murphy-Peyrouton set-up in North Africa is well known. Early attempts to place the blame on General Eisenhower and the Army fell through.

As even Arthur Krock admitted in the *N. Y. Times* of December 4: "Civilian economy and diplomatic affairs are completely the responsibility of the State Department through its agent, Robert Murphy . . ." Naturally, Gen. Eisenhower, whose business is exclusively military, left everything in the hands of Murphy who represents the State Department and had made all previous negotiations with his Vichy friends of long standing.



ROBERT MURPHY, JESUIT-TRAINED DIPLOMAT WHO ARRANGED THE 'DARLAN EXPERIMENT' IN NORTH AFRICA.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, newspaperman, was refused a visa by our State Department when he planned to go to North Africa in his capacity as deputy director of the OWI "for fear he would antagonize the Vichy men." In a speech in New York City on February 25, Mowrer said:

"Fair-weather allies really are not worth a very big price. Leaving such people in control in North Africa was a very big price indeed."

"Attempts have been made to get out of this difficulty by defining our North African Vichysois not as Fascists but as 'conservatives' . . . Not Fascists, Darlan and Lemaigre-Dubreuil? Not Fascists, Peyrouton and the generals? Not Fascists these officials who set up concentration camps and an omnipotent police, who abolished justice, proclaimed themselves *fuehrers* responsible only to God, vilified and persecuted French Jews, turned over foreign refugees to Gestapo butchers, instituted a *Fuehrerschule* and a French SS systematically deprived all but one group from any participation in political life?"

"Some of them think so little of our intelligence that they do not even pretend to have repented of their past. Why bother, since Americans are such dopes? . . . For they still believe that whatever the President says, so long as they can keep a semi-Fascist regime going in North Africa, there is good hope that a victorious French African Army under their orders will be able to carry it back to France itself." (PM, Feb. 26.)

Despite General Giraud's apparent conversion to democratic principles, as announced by him in his speech on March 14, watchful observers were forced to regard it as a mere "declaration of intention," and lacking proof of action. His subsequent dictatorial abrogation on March 18, of the Gabetta-Crémieux decree of the French Republic in 1870, relegated the 100,000 Jews in North Africa to their position under the laws of Napoleon III, and deprived them of the right to vote. It was in flat contradiction to Giraud's own statement that all laws and decrees of the French Republic are to be recognized. As the Jewish vote in general has been cast for liberal and democratic candidates, without it, Marcel Peyrouton and his friends may succeed in having their power reaffirmed by what would appear to be a free vote. It is an old trick of the Fascists to make elections suit their authoritarian plans by choosing their own electorate.

What his Jesuit teachers think of Robert Murphy was best expressed by the honorary degree that the Jesuit University of Marquette conferred on him in *absentia*, because of his North African exploits. We can likewise judge what the Catholic church thought of Darlan from the sumptuous pontifical funeral given him in the cathedral of Algiers—also by the fact of the solemn high mass and eulogy offered in his honor in the French Church of Saint Esprit in New York City.

JESUIT UNEASINESS

The growing awareness of the American people concerning the formation of this new Clerical-Fascist Axis is well known to Catholic church leaders in America. Since they cannot deny it, these Catholic spokesmen try to ridicule and laugh it off the stage as just another "Leftish myth." In an attempt to do so, the Jesuits, in their magazine *America* for March 6, quote many of the accusations made against the Catholic church concerning its part in this new Fascist conspiracy. The following is quoted by them from *Reynolds News*, a British publication:

"I suspect that most of the arguments we hear for and against bombing Rome have, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, nothing to do with the case.

"There are people who look upon Rome as holy ground, not because it has been made sacred by the blood of martyrs, but because of the political influence it can wield among reactionary elements in Europe who may be ready to do a Darlan on the Axis. They are looking to the clerical Fascism Darlan represented to establish the political guarantees that a 'liberated' Europe is not a socialist Europe."

These Jesuit writers also quote from Robert A. Brady's revealing book, *Business as a System of Power*, where the author shows up the collaboration between the Roman Catholic hierarchy

and the National Association of Manufacturers. Speaking of "the pressures of the N.A.M." and their tie-up with the program for social reconstruction drawn up by the Catholic bishops in Washington on Feb. 9, 1940, Mr. Brady says:

"The pressures [of the N.A.M.] lead directly to the type of proposal recently elaborated by sixteen Catholic prelates meeting in Washington, D. C., in which they proposed a 'Guild or Corporative System' for America. (a) At no point is this proposal at odds with the propaganda of N.A.M.; (b) the proposal is practically identical with that of the papal encyclical 'Quadragesimo Anno' (1931) which formed the basis of Chancellor Schuschnigg's Austrian variant of 'Clerical Fascism.' "

Again, the Jesuits quote J. Alvarez del Vayo, Spanish democratic leader, who writes often for *The Nation*. They quote del Vayo as issuing the following warning:

"Just by remembering that this is a war between Fascism and anti-Fascism, it will become clear why in North Africa the French anti-Fascists don't want to collaborate with ex-Vichy Fascists; why Austrian democrats can't cotton to the idea of restoring an Otto von Hapsburg who, though undoubtedly not a Fascist himself, is not likely to take a stand against the clerical reaction through which the little Metternichs of our time hope to neutralize the effects of Russian victory."

Americans were blissfully unaware of the first Vatican-Fascist tie-up which brought Mussolini and Hitler to power and which resulted in the terrible consequences to all the world that we see around us today. There is yet time to foil this second attempt of the Vatican politicians to form another anti-democratic axis to frustrate the victory now in our grasp. Success would be assured if the millions of Roman Catholic people in America and other democratic countries could be enlightened and made to side with the forces of freedom

against the reactionary and Fascist leadership in their own church.



JESUIT EDITOR, FOE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, IS DEAD



JESUIT PAUL L. BLAKELY

—For more than 28 years associate editor of the Jesuit magazine *America*, for which he wrote more than 1,100 signed articles, died Feb. 26, 1943. His enmity toward the American public school was displayed in many of his writings, especially in his booklet entitled: "*May An American Oppose the Public School?*"

Among many un-American principles laid down by him in this booklet is the following, on page 5: "*Our first duty to the public school is not to pay taxes for its maintenance.*"

Americans Forget to Remember



IN THE MIDDLE of the 19th century it became evident to minds far less acute than those of the great Roman ecclesiastics that the papacy was losing ground in Europe and must turn to America. It must come to the United States and grow up with the country. It has done so. We have had the Roman Catholic question during the last fifty years; but we have not had time to attend to it. In Europe, where the history of this religion has been enacted, the whole matter is understood by the educated classes. The Wars of Religion have never been forgotten, and the ever-present ultramontane question burns openly. *In Europe people are not afraid to speak of the Roman Catholic church.* But America was settled by Protestants after the end of the Wars of Religion, or by Protestants who escaped the question by coming here. We have had no religious question in America and our people have forgotten what that question means.

Besides this we have engaged in making money; we have been harassed by our slavery troubles; in more recent times we have been preoccupied with practical reforms. We have not been interested in religion; we have forgotten the principles of the matter. The extraordinary ignorance of our people in matters of history, their belief in destiny, their inability to stop and reflect about anything, their desire that our politics shall not contain any religious question, their sense of security, due to the presence of the Atlantic Ocean between themselves and Europe — *all these things have led the Americans of the last fifty years to hide their heads in the sand in regard to the doings of the Roman Catholic church.*

Our press is timid and public opinion approves. In our politics the question has been shunned as far as possible; such is our wisdom. We were afraid of getting angry; we would hurt no one's feelings. The instinct of the Protestants has, on the whole, been an instinct of silence. This has worked in well with the aims of Rome: *for, be it observed, while Rome can work in silence, opposition to Rome involves publicity.*

—JOHN JAY CHAPMAN (*Notes on Religion*, pp. 37-38, published in 1915.)

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CLERICAL FASCISM IN LATIN AMERICA

ENOUGH has seeped through the censorship of religious news from Latin American countries to prove how actively priests and nuns there have been working in favor of the Axis and against the United States. In Brazil, priests and nuns were discovered with secret radio sets hidden under altars and in cemeteries; even in Mexico and Cuba, Sinarquists and Franco Falangists have carried on their pro-Axis propaganda with the aid of the clergy.

In Argentine, pro-Axis activities of Roman Catholic priests were startlingly revealed in official reports of the Chamber of Deputies Committee for the Investigation of Anti-Argentine Activities under the chairmanship of the Socialist Deputy Juan Antonio Solari. Its incriminating reports against priests were hotly denied by Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Ruiz Guinazu, staunch defender of the Catholic church and well known for his pro-Axis leanings. It is also well to note that besides being Foreign Minister, *Señor Guinazu is also Minister of Religious Affairs* in Argentine. He termed the charges against priests as an attempt "to stir up religious strife." We are familiar with the same complaint in this country in defense of Father Coughlin and his clerical-fascist followers.

According to a report of this committee issued last October 22, (N. Y. Times, October 23, 1942), these priests "violating the specific mandates of their ministry, try to direct the consciences of their flocks toward political concepts incompatible with the Argentine faithful or create a state of confusion and uncertainty favorable to the assimilation of anti-democratic ideas."

A sample of the kind of ideas propagandized by these priests can be seen from one of their publications which we have before us, entitled "*Pro Familia*," published by priests of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in the territory of Misiones, Argentine. Here is a translation of one item, which alone contains all the well-hashed lies of Nazi-fascist propaganda and the so-called "Protocols of Zion" against Freemasonry, the Jews, Britain and the United States:

"KNOW IT WELL, HONEST PEOPLE!

"Secret societies function under the dictatorship of secret leaders. That is how the work has been carried on for the destruction of Spain, and that is how the work is being done for the destruction of the world. A secret society is a state within the States where it functions, but stronger, more powerful. Its weapons are directed out of darkness.

"The peace of the Freemasons is the peace imposed by the gangster on his victims. Behind the League of Nations, which failed only because it worked too much in the open, were the Freemasons of France and Great Britain; and behind the League for Pan-Americanism you will find the Freemasons of the United States. And do you know who stand behind the Masons of the entire world. Behind them (in many cases they are deluded persons who look for personal gain) you will find THE JEWS [sic in original].

"Freemasonry is one of the most effective creations of International Jewry. The plans of Freemasonry are identical with part of the plans of Jewry. Even its tactics, its words, its symbols are of Jewish origin. The Masons have created the tragedy of Spain, and the Masons are also paving the way for the sinister World Empire of Israel.

"The British Empire totters and the Masonic leaders try to protect themselves behind Yankee Imperialism."

We had plenty of this kind of fascist propaganda from Father Coughlin and his followers before they were sent

underground after Pearl Harbor. But besides being fascist propaganda it contains correct, official Roman Catholic teaching. Take the following, for example, from the very influential Jesuit magazine *America* published in New York City, from its issue of May 17, 1941, against democracy:

"How we Catholics have loathed and despised this Lucifer civilization, this rationalist creation of those little men who refused to bend the knee or bow the head in submission to higher authority . . . Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have been heroically repudiating for four centuries. This civilization is now called democracy, and the suggestion is being made that we send the Yanks to Europe again to defend it. In reality, is it worth defending? What's the sum and substance of it all? All the Yanks in America will not save it from disintegration. Unless a miracle occurs, it is doomed—finally and irrevocably doomed."

"American democracy is disintegrating, crumbling from within. Fatigue, disillusionment, disgust, the unbearable tension in society, the fear of war and the fear of bankruptcy, the absence of security, the technological revolution which has gone far beyond the instruments of social control, deep-rooted anarchistic hatred of . . . a social order which has too long denied the principle of social justice, the revolt of the masses and the leveling of all values, the absence of any common ethical basis—these are but a few of the multiple factors in the decline which is now upon us . . .

"The growing anarchy can be resolved in only two ways: totalitarianism or Christianity . . . Leadership in this crisis will not come from the laity. It will not come from the bottom of the Catholic pyramid. It will come only from the top, from the Hierarchy."

Whether by coincidence or design, there is no denying the similarity between the aims and methods of the Catholic church as directed from Rome and those of Nazism and Fascism.

PERSECUTION OF PROTESTANTS IN SPAIN

IN RESPONSE to a letter of his published in the *London Times*, last January 10, Mr. H. M. Gooch, Secretary of the World's Evangelical Alliance received the following letter from an Evangelical pastor in Spain. It is copied from "Tidings From Spain," first quarterly issue of 1943:

"When a deputation of pastors in Barcelona was received by His Excellency the Governor, he told them that the religious toleration promised by General Franco means only personal toleration for the fact of being Protestants, but as soon as they meet for worship they are trespassing the law of the Concordat with the Vatican, of 1851, and for this reason they must be persecuted. This is in flagrant contradiction of the repeated promises of the Chief of the Spanish State, who promised 'complete toleration for the practice of the Evangelical Religion,' and to the assurances given by the Duke of Alba [Spanish Ambassador] in London. The Governor said that there is no injustice in this attitude compared with the liberty that the Catholics enjoy in Protestant countries, because they are in Spain just a small minority!

"You can scarcely imagine what kind of strategy Evangelical Christians in Spain are obliged to employ in order to be able to worship God together—just as the early Christians or the Huguenots in past centuries—but not always do they escape persecution. In one town a pastor was obliged to pay a fine of one thousand pesetas and some days of prison for having been found reading and explaining the Bible to a small group of some 40 Christians of his own Church in a small desert place in the country, although spies of that 'catacomb service' admitted that not a word had been spoken against the Government or the Roman Catholic Church.

"In one village the pastor was found reading the Bible to a sick person in the presence of some other people, most of them relatives of the sick lady. For this 'crime' he was imprisoned and

days, beaten severely, and fined 125 pesetas . . . In some towns Evangelicals cannot be publicly buried. The corpses are taken by night, without any accompaniment of relatives or friends. Marriage is also an impossible thing for Evangelicals baptised in their childhood in the Catholic Church, their conversion to Protestantism not being admitted."

CHRIST'S MISSION NOTES

OUR PRIESTS IN WAR SERVICE

LAST MONTH we published a letter from a critical Roman Catholic who contemptuously told us that our former priests at Christ's Mission should either get drums and trumpets and join the Salvation Army or get into war work.

Several of our former priests have gone into war work. One of them is our Mr. Henry F. Connahey who is devoting all his time now to an important branch of the war services. Another is working in an aviation plant in New Jersey, and one is in the Merchant Marine, where risk to life is greater than in other branches of war service. The greater number of priests who come to us are past the draft age.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

MEETINGS at Christ's Mission are now held on the first Sunday of each month. Besides this, our staff have delivered talks recently at the following places: Central Baptist Church in New York City; Spanish-Lutheran Church in the Bronx, N. Y.; North Baptist Church, Wilmington, Delaware; Tabernacle Mission, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Lutheran Church, Camden, N. J.; Baptist Ministers' Conference, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York City.

Public addresses by our former priests of Christ's Mission are inspiring, constructive and educative, and are not intended to arouse any kind of antagonism between Catholics and Protes-

tants. Our effort is to reach not only Protestants but also Catholic people with the message of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OUR EX-PRIEST FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS to help priests who leave the Roman Catholic priesthood and come to us for advice and assistance are earnestly solicited. This is one of the objects for which Christ's Mission was founded and incorporated sixty years ago.

CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE BOWERY

OUR Mission in the Bowery, in charge of Rev. H. Connahey, has carried on now for a year. During that time more than 3,000 homeless men were fed, encouraged and spiritually enlightened. Many were helped into useful employment and received needed medical treatment. Three were former Roman Catholic priests.

Owing to Mr. Connahey's transfer to war work, his Bowery Mission, much to our regret, will be closed for the present.

FLYING ARCHBISHOP

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, noted Catholic apologist, first startled the world by his published speculations that Archbishop Spellman flew to Rome to help the Pope escape by submarine to Brazil. More recently he wrote a syndicated article for the North American Newspaper Alliance to the effect that the main purpose of the "flying archbishop" was to draw up an agreement between the Pope and Joseph Stalin.

Both of these published speculations were a smoke-screen to hide the real purposes of Spellman's spectacular visits to Madrid, Rome and elsewhere.

THE JUNE ISSUE of The Converted Catholic Magazine will be mailed out a little later than usual—about June 1.

On the Lookout

By J. J. MURPHY

WHAT OF FATHER HUBBARD?

COUGHLIN propaganda is now being spread the length and breadth of the United States by Jesuit Father Hubbard. It is Catholic Fascism wrapped in the stars and stripes. While Father Coughlin commands the underground, proletarian forces of Catholic reaction, Hubbard, the glamorized 'glacier priest,' indoctrinates Army camps, women's clubs and Big Business circles. He lectures daily, sowing distrust of Russia and subtle anti-Semitism. Before the war he gave isolationist lectures which ridiculed the idea of a Japanese attack on Alaska.

In Fact in its March 1 issue reveals considerable data concerning Hubbard's subversive talks and recommends FBI investigation of both him and Coughlin. From this write-up we quote the following:

"Exhibit A. From an officer, Medical Replacement Pool, Fort Devens, Mass.:

"We had a very interesting talk at this camp by Father Hubbard, also known as the Flying Missionary of Alaska. He is from Santa Clara University of California and he spread the Coughlin propaganda very effectively.

"Among other remarks and comments were these:

'1. "When New York City was part of the United States . . ."

'2. Reference to our Chinese allies as "Chinks."

'3. Telling the American soldiers they did not have to be cannon fodder, but could win the war by furnishing the Chinese with weapons and allowing the Chinese to fight the war for us.

'4. Playing down the European war and telling us to concentrate on the Pacific war.

'5. Stating that "We are fighting all of Russia's enemies, but the Russians are not fighting our enemies."

'6. That the Dutch Harbor bombing attack was due to the fishing agreement between Russia and Japan, in that Russia furnished the Japanese with local

weather reports. (The inference was that these reports from Russia were not available to the U. S. men at Dutch Harbor.)

'7. Said that the Russians are to be admired for their work, but the "Chinks," not the Russians will help us win.

'8. That when we talk of England and her manpower, we mean the British Empire, inferring that Empire troops, not British, would do the fighting.

'Am I mistaken in this man, that he is consciously or otherwise, preaching the Divide-the-Allies doctrine of Hitler? He is a native fascist."

Speaking before the Executives' Club of Chicago on February 5, Hubbard uttered his usual array of misstatements concerning Russia: "We declared war against their enemies, but they have not declared war against ours." In a lecture before the Geographic Society of Chicago on March 10, speaking of the renewal of the Russo-Japanese Kamchatka fishing agreement, he said: "If Stalin signs that treaty again, it is a sure sign that he wants a strong Japan and a weak United States and China in the Pacific."

Officers of the OWI and the War Department have repeatedly denied the truth of Hubbard's claims of Russian aid to the Japanese by fishing agreements or weather reports.

Jesuit Father Hubbard is a Government-appointed war consultant to the Western Defense Command. When not lecturing in the United States, he is fraternizing with American troops in the strategic Alaskan areas spreading Catholic Fascism.

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THE NEW UN-HOLY ALLIANCE

BEST INFORMED perhaps of all foreign correspondents on off-the-record intrigues in Europe is Edgar A. Mowrer. On the scene in Europe as a correspondent since 1913, he was the first journalist expelled by Hitler for telling the truth. He recently resigned as Deputy Director of the Office of War Information (OWI). In the following article written for *PM* of March 10, he says:

"Be it said here, the peoples of Europe—the writer is familiar with all of them—do not seem ripe for any such politico-clerical Europe. It is not that they particularly oppose Christi-

anity. To the contrary, some sort of a religious revival may well result from this most terrible trial of all times. But a politico-clerical Europe would be synonymous in the eyes of most Europeans with an undemocratic Europe. It would mean a new Holy Alliance (with the United States in the role of obscurantist Austria!).

"Half of the political crimes of modern times have been committed by self-asserted Christians: Francisco Franco, who in his recaptured Spain has out-tortured Torquemada; [Catholic] Bruening, in Germany, who first set aside Republican legality and thereby opened the floodgates to Hitler; in France, Pétain and his servile, imitative fascism; in Poland, acute pre-war anti-Semitism against which the daughter of Pilsudski so bravely protested; in Hungary, Admiral Horthy, that negation of every liberty; in Slovakia, bigots betraying their country to the Nazis; in Austria, Schuschnigg and the shooting down of the Social Democrats.

"No, the peoples of Europe, it will be found, have had enough, not of Christianity (there is still far too little of that) but of Fascists, near-Fascists and the worst sort of reactionaries, draped in a Christian mantle. To attempt to force this upon them may well, I submit, provoke many of them into civil war followed by communism."

"From every point of view, then, American leaders should be working not for a politico-clerical Europe but for a more democratic Europe—a continent modeled, not after reactionary Hungary and Spain, but after Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands."

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A COUGHLINITE INDICTED

CLERICAL FASCIST, John E. Kelly, was indicted in Washington by a Federal grand jury on March 1 for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Mr. Kelly is an intimate friend and co-worker of Jesuit Father Talbot, brain truster of Catholic Fascism. Many signed articles in the Jesuit magazine *America* came from Kelly's pen.

John Eoghan Kelly was a key figure in the Catholic campaign that blocked U. S. aid to Loyalist Spain during Franco's rebellion.

The present indictment of Kelly charges that he has been paid off for his labors in behalf of General Franco and concealed from the U. S. government that he was an

agent of a foreign power. For at least two years previous to February 1, 1942, the indictment goes on to say, Kelly was a paid agent of Franco.

Kelly is 50 years old and a consulting engineer by profession. He made several trips to Spain and Germany between 1936 and 1939, became active in the pro-Franco movement here during the early stages of the Spanish Civil War. He was particularly prominent as an intermediary between the higher-up Catholic-Fascist backers of Franco in America and the street-fighting 'Christian Frontiers.'

Attention was called in *PM* of March 2 to the well-known fact that Kelly was "closely, publicly associated with Merwin K. Hart, head of the New York State Economic Council, Rev. Francis X. Talbot, editor of the Jesuit weekly *America* and others who fought to maintain the embargo" against Republican Spain.

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FRANCO'S THREAT TO U. S.

WASHINGTON military intelligence reporters inform us that a potential hostile force of close to 1,000,000 menaces our flank in North Africa — the army of Spain's Fascist Franco . . . The Spanish dictator undoubtedly would throw his weight on the side of the Axis, if he thought the Nazis had any chance of winning. He might, even now, put up only token resistance, if Hitler decided to march his forces from France through Spain to take our North African army from the rear. Franco's mobilized army in Spain proper is reported to be about 750,000 men; in Africa (Spanish Morocco) his army is variously estimated from 175,000 to 350,000.

George Hamilton Combs, commenting over radio station WHN on March 17 in regard to Franco's latest speech, said:

"General Franco, fascist-minded and vindictive, accepts our love pats and returns them with an attack on our Ally [Russia] and a gloomy prophecy of continuing wars. This wry and sardonic comment ranges Franco even more decisively on the side of the Axis — a move which we will doubtless counter by sending him more oil, food and moral support, for sweet are the uses of appeasement and a kick in the teeth calls for flagons of gasoline."

Johannes Steel over station WMCA on the same day warned that:

"Spanish appeasement is likely to pay us the same dividends as were paid to us for our appeasement of Japan."

"The Spanish dictator made no bones about his own position during his speech to the *Cortes*. His outburst against the United Nations came in the presence of the U. S. Ambassador to Madrid . . . who seems to be going out of his way to lend prestige to everything Franco has to say."

Mr. Hayes, our Catholic ambassador to Spain, on February 26, ostentatiously praised the Franco dictatorship, especially "the wise direction of the government, which, while fostering works of peace at home, has held aloof from war abroad."

The most conspicuous of Franco's "works of peace at home" are the persecution of Protestants, imprisonment and execution of Spanish Republicans, the shipping of copper and other raw materials to the Axis and the paying of Spanish volunteers fighting against Russia.

IS DARLANISM DEAD IN NORTH AFRICA?

NORTH AFRICA is still a far cry from democracy. According to Charles Collingwood, CBS correspondent, broadcasting on March 9:

"It is still illegal for more than a handful of persons to meet together in North Africa; it is still illegal for more than a tiny percentage of Jews to practice medicine or law; and it still is illegal—in Algiers, at least—to listen to foreign broadcasts, and this technically includes the United States and British Broadcasting Company short-wave programs.

"In fact, it still is true that in spite of a few names and a few new laws, the fundamental nature and disposition of the North African government has not changed very much."

Liberal influence of the Fighting French Committee and of public opinion in the United States is gradually forcing Giraud into more and more democratic concessions. But even his restoration of the laws of the French Republic, on March 17, leaves many loopholes. As Drew Middleton remarked in the N. Y. *Times* of the

following day, General Giraud's regime:

"has retained certain very definite checks on the democratic process. For instance, fresh elections will not be held until France herself has been liberated. In addition, meetings of more than five people for political reasons are forbidden . . . It is obvious that much anti-democratic legislation could be continued by the means outlined."

Waverly Root commented over WINS on the same day:

"The fact remains that Giraud [by his abrogation of the Crémieux decree] has disenfranchised a section of the electorate (the Jews) which has enjoyed the vote for three generations . . . This is an extremely dangerous precedent, since it opens the way for annulment, *without legal procedure*, of any laws of the Third Republic."

Without doubt, General Giraud is much more interested in retaining power over North Africa for himself and his pro-Fascist friends than he is in quibbling over the enactment of a paper democracy. Edgar Mowrer has drawn a candid picture:

"The general is not a Fascist; he is a reactionary gent who refers to himself in the third person—'General Giraud,' even 'the great General Giraud.' His chief assistants are generals like Bergeret and Juin, who have actively assisted the Germans. In the background are true Fascist figures like Lemaigre-Dubreuil and Peyrouton . . ." (PM, March 10, 1943.)

When Peyrouton, front man of Lemaigre-Dubreuil's French-German banking trust, is dismissed—and not before—we will believe that Giraud has become amenable to genuine democratic aspirations, such as those entertained by General de Gaulle, who, in spite of his Catholic faith and his personal conservative preferences, believes sincerely in the rights of the people to choose their own government.

Time magazine of Jan. 4, 1943, said:

"OPTIMISTS had hoped Myron Taylor's hush-hush visit to the Vatican last September might persuade the Pope to say a veiled good word for the United Nations. They were disappointed. In his annual Christmas Eve message, Pius XII said: 'The Church does not intend to take sides.'"

THE FRANCO REGIME IN SPAIN

A review of the book:

APPEASEMENT'S CHILD—The Franco Regime in Spain, by Thomas J. Hamilton; Alfred A. Knopf, 327 pages. Price \$3.00.

By L. H. LEHMANN

"**TIDINGS**," official Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California, speaking of the Catholic church's support of Franco Spain in its issue of March 7, 1943, says: "*It may be that we will have to hang our heads in shame for ever having encouraged or abetted Franco.*"

This official Catholic admission of the guilt of the Catholic church in helping to precipitate the present global war is scarcely needed. For it is universally known and admitted: (1) that the Vatican supported and even financed Franco's rebellion against the Spanish Republic in 1936; (2) that Franco's war was the spark that set the whole world aflame with this disastrous war of Fascist aggression. Any doubt on the point is cleared up by the author of this book under review, who opens his first chapter with the statement of Serrano Suñer to Hitler's newspaper, *Völkischer Beobachter*, during his visit to Germany in 1940. Franco's Foreign Minister said: "*We contend that the Spanish war was the preliminary phase of the present conflict.*" Americans now know this, but Mussolini, Hitler and the Vatican knew it and planned it so from the beginning.

Yet the admission of this guilt of the Catholic church in the statement of *Tidings* quoted above is neither a proof of true repentance nor a promise to undo the harm done to the world by the Catholic church. Pope Pius XII continues to insist on the maintenance of Franco's regime in Spain in any post-war settlement. Our Catholic am-

bassador in Spain, Carleton J. Hayes, declared in a public speech in Madrid last January 15, that it was not one of America's war aims to interfere with the Franco regime in Spain. Archbishop Spellman of New York, in his broadcast from Algiers on March 14, reminded the world of President Roosevelt's "pledge" to preserve our "integrity toward Spain and Portugal."

It is obvious, therefore, that the Catholic church not only supported and abetted Franco in setting up his Fascist regime, but is determined to maintain his regime at all costs. What concerns the author of *Appeasement's Child*, and all of us, is that the whole strategy of the United Nations' offensive against Mussolini and Hitler from North Africa is vitally imperilled by Franco's adherence to the Axis, and the consequent danger that Hitler, with Franco's connivance, may at any moment strike a crippling blow through Spain at our exposed lines of communication. Added to this is the anomaly that, while our State Department continues to uphold and appease Franco, his legions fight America's ally Russia on the Eastern front side by side with Hitler's armies. Thus, in backing Franco Spain, we are aiding the two main objectives of both the Vatican and Hitler, namely, to delay an Allied invasion of Italy and to weaken the Russians.

What Franco's victory over Spanish democracy meant to the Catholic church is stated in full by the author of this book. He sums it all up when he says that it brought about "*the complete res-*

toration of the Church to all the power that it held under the monarchy and more besides." The Jesuits were at once recalled "and given back their huge property holdings;" the annual State payment to the Church of 62,000,000 pesetas was restored; Church schools were reopened and Catholic religious instruction became compulsory in the State schools; divorce and civil marriage were abolished; anyone who had ever been a Freemason was severely punished "unless he recanted and revealed the secrets and membership of the order;" "Church dignitaries, headed by Cardinal Goma . . . were assigned the most prominent positions at all public functions;" Protestant churches, with the exception of one or two in Madrid and Barcelona, were closed and stocks of Protestant Bibles and tracts were burned. In a word, as the author remarks, "*Spain was as completely back in the fold as in the days of the Counter-Reformation.*"

Slight differences of opinion have arisen at times between the Catholic hierarchy in Spain and the Falange, because of excesses of Fascist zeal on the part of the latter. For the same reason Pope Pius XI was forced to complain about certain acts of radical Nazis in Germany in his encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge*, of March 14, 1937. But neither in Hitler's Germany nor Franco's Spain has the Vatican ever directed its complaints against either National Socialism or Falangism as such. The Jesuits actually helped Franco persecute priests from the Basque provinces as "reds" because they sided with the Loyalists. Mr. Hamilton is not sure of the reports that many Basque priests were executed by Franco, but is sure that many of them were imprisoned. Even Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Tarragona, and the Bishop of Vitoria were not allowed to return to Spain until December 1941, because of their

"Red Separatist" views on home rule for Catalonia and the Basque provinces.

Mr. Hamilton gives us an interesting sidelight on the divorce of religion and morality in Spanish Catholicism by telling how Serrano Suñer, paragon of family devotion who rose to power under Catholic auspices, not only took over the position of Foreign Minister from Colonel Juan Beigbeder, *but also his mistress as well*—"the blonde wife of a prominent diplomat stationed in Madrid." Divorce is not permitted in Spain, and, as the author remarks, "many Spanish husbands keep mistresses." This same Colonel Beigbeder is at present in Washington as Spanish military observer of the U. S. Army.

Of the disastrous economic conditions into which Spain has fallen since the Franco regime took over after the civil war, Mr. Hamilton was an eyewitness, and his account of the terrible starvation of the poor and the luxury of the rich is almost unbelievable. But he is an honest reporter of facts that he saw and experienced during his three years, from 1938 to 1941, as correspondent for the New York *Times* in Franco Spain.

Were it for no other reason than the formation by the Franco regime of the program of *Hispanidad* in Latin America—"which exists mainly to fight the United States"—this experienced author warns us of "*the utter uselessness of any attempt by the United States to appease Franco.*" We should heed his warning before it is too late.

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THE PASSING SHOW

P. J. WHELAN

THE JESUIT magazine *America* (March 23, 1943) boasts that Henri de Kérillis, editor of the New York de Gaulist newspaper *Pour la Victoire*, is "a warm defender of Franco."

A TOTAL of 2,549,919 students attend Roman Catholic educational institutions in the United States, according to the "Catholic School Market Letter" issued by the Brue Publishing Co. This figure is broken down as follows: elementary schools, 2,015,333; high schools, 373,339; universities, colleges and normal schools, 143,279; seminaries and preparatory schools, 18,968.

DURING his recent spectacular trip to the Vatican and Spain, Archbishop Spellman of New York brought to the Pope the annual "Peter's Pence" of American Catholics. He also left a "fund" at Seville, in Spain, "for the offering of masses for the deceased canons of the Cathedral."

FATHER JOSEPH THORNING, American confidant of Franco, has been made a member of the Historical and Geographic Institute of Brazil. He is a favorite of South American tycoons and Coughlinite reactionaries.

JESUIT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY in New York City is one of several Roman Catholic colleges taken over by the Army as centers for the Army Specialized Training Program.

A BILL to impose a tax on bachelors over 30 years of age, recently introduced in the Legislature of Delaware, was vigorously assailed by Rev. Joseph A. Lee, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Wilmington. "The Catholic Church," he declared, "has the discipline of an unmarried clergy. Why should its members in Delaware be made to pay a tax?" He further stated that such a tax on bachelor priests "conflicts with the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees freedom of religious worship."

CECIL BROWN, in his book, *Suez to Singapore*, relates that, "For two days during the Greek campaign, Mussolini anchored a hospital ship, painted with many Red Crosses, off Albania and used it as his army headquarters. Mussolini the Lion-Hearted!"

VIRGINIO GAYDA, Mussolini's mouth-piece, recently declared: "We must not forget that the official Anglican Church became what it is by hating Catholicism and the Pope. At the same time it must be remembered that Roosevelt's policy is in open contrast to the interest of 20,000,000 North American Catholics."

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT spoke at the January communion breakfast of the New York Carroll Club, founded by the multi-millionaire (Papal Duchess) Mrs. Macauley. Mrs. Roosevelt sat next to Jesuit Father Delaney, formerly in charge of the Vatican radio station in Rome. Reactionary and Coughlinite Catholics of the 'Brooklyn-Royal Oak Axis' raised an outcry against having such a 'heretic' speak before a group of Catholic girls.

BISHOP (Count von) Preysing of Berlin is a monarchist, a nobleman related to the royal house of Bavaria and former member of Kaiser Wilhelm's diplomatic service. He was appointed Bishop of Berlin after Hitler came to power because of his acceptability to the Hitler regime and its Junker supporters. Recently he was falsely represented in the press of this country as an anti-Nazi.

JESUIT Father M. J. Ahern, in the *Knights of Columbus* magazine "Columbian" of February 2, 1943, commented on the Catholic claim that "the U. S. Army is one-third Catholic." "This means," he said, "that we have something like 20,000,000 people in this country who are ready to confess that they believe in our Church, but do not live up to it."

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THE GOVERNMENT of the United States has again used public funds to finance Roman Catholic propaganda. It published at the expense of the War Department copies of the revised Catholic New Testament which contains in footnotes doctrinal interpretations of Scripture imposed by Vatican authorities.

The *Pittsburgh Press* of February 20 says:

"The War Department has issued 500,000 copies of a special pocket-sized New Testament revised by the Catholic Biblical Association."

One of the footnotes in the revised Roman Catholic New Testament, the work of so-called eminent Catholic scholars, contains the crudest anti-Semitic incitation yet to come to our attention. It is to be found on page 701 and states: "The Jews are the Synagogue of Satan."

This outrageous distortion of a Bible text for anti-Semitic purposes will be treated fully in the next issue of our magazine.

HONOR FOR MSGR. TISO

MONSIGNOR Josef Tiso, the Roman Catholic priest who is Hitler's puppet-ruler of Slovakia, received a special honor recently from Hitler. The *N. Y. Times* of March 15, relates that:

"Reichsfuehrer Hitler has conferred the Gold Grand Cross of the Order of the German Eagle, the highest of the five grades of the decoration for foreigners, on Josef Tiso, President of Slovakia..."

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—H. W. K., Washington, D. C.

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TWISTED CATHOLIC MENTALITY

HOW sadly the minds of the credulous Catholic people have been warped by their teachers regarding priests who leave the priesthood, is exemplified by the two following letters. They were addressed to our Dr. J. J. Murphy after a series of public talks in Toronto on the Catholic question:

Dear Rev. Murphy:

I was touched with sorrow at the announcement of a once Catholic Priest, "or supposed to be," who will speak on different subjects. If this is true, I know the view the public will get will not be a true one, and for this reason will do much harm to souls. Because of my great respect and love for the priesthood I write you these few lines. As for the Church you left to find a better,

I would like to ask you, will you find a Mother like Mary the Sweet Mother of God? They are indeed to be prayed for who cease to call on Mary for she is our most powerful help in saving our souls. Think of Mary. The loss of grace leaves us open to sad errors. I promise to pray for you. It is useless to prove our point to one who has strayed from grace, without grace we are all darkness and error without his light. Forgive me for making so free but I ask you, will you be at peace on your deathbed away from Mary and the church? No one ever was, nor will you.

Praying for you I will close asking you to look on me as a real friend for such I mean to be to you. I will pray for you in my prayers and have you prayed for.

God guide you back to his light and love.

AN IRISH GIRL.

The second letter is still more of an illumination. It shows how ingrained prejudice distorts even the ordinary powers of observation. It is from a namesake of Dr. Murphy's and reads as follows:

Dear Dr. Murphy:

I attended Jarvis St. Church on Sunday night to hear your lecture, and I thought you might be interested in my impressions so I will try to state them briefly.

In the first place I was attracted by your photo as it appeared in the newspapers. It was no doubt taken while you were a Priest in good standing.

As a father I can imagine how proud your father and mother have been to have been honored by having a son a Priest. No greater honor could have been bestowed upon them.

So I admit I was very much impressed as I studied your photo.

When you were brought into the hall to make your second lecture I was sitting in the second front row, where I had a good opportunity to study your countenance in real life.

You were led in by Mr. Whitcombe, a fine looking, well fed, well groomed assistant to Dr. Shields. I took quite an interest in him. He was immaculate and spotless in his dress, a wonderful showman.

I studied your face while you sat there and during your lecture you reminded me of the poor unfortunates who are hauled into our Police Courts daily by big fine looking police men of the same type as your exploiter Whitcombe.

In observing closely your face during your lecture I was astounded that such a change could have taken place since the photo of you as a Catholic Priest was taken. Then you had a happy, honest, angelic face.

Why has such a change taken place in your appearance? To me you looked more like a criminal or a gangster with your half closed eyes, unshaven face, stern and stoic, with absolutely no expression of happiness. May I suggest that you take that splendid photo, hold it in your hand, look at it, and then turn to the mirror and study that face in the mirror. You will get the answer.

I earnestly hope that your mother and father have not lived to see you as you are today, a renegade Priest, exploited for money by the "scum of the Protestant ministry."

If your poor old mother and father are living they are saying their Rosary and many other prayers for the son they brought into the world that first honored them and then brought on them in their old age the most terrible disgrace any son could bring on his parents.

I have heard it said many times that when a woman falls from grace there is no bottom to the depth of degradation she will not go. So in your case to fall from the highly honored calling of a Priest of God in the Catholic Church to the stage in Shield's Casino [Baptist Church] in Jarvis St., is surely the lowest possible depth of degradation it is possible to find.

You stated that about 75 Priests in the U. S. left the Priesthood each year, but you didn't say they left the Church.

After all it is a small number when we remember that out of twelve Apostles there was a Judas who sold himself for thirty pieces of silver.

My name is John J. Murphy, too, and needless to say of Irish descent.

JOHN J. MURPHY.

CATHOLIC PROPAGANDA IN THE ARMY

FOLLOWING is from a Protestant Chaplain in the Army:

"Here in the Army, chaplains of the Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths are expected to cooperate with one another. We are not to try and win converts from those of another faith, but in the meantime must hold firmly to our own convictions. We must not distribute literature which would be offensive to those of another persuasion, but we may hand out tracts, leaflets and booklets which set forth in positive terms what we believe.

"We Protestant chaplains have tried to refrain from placing literature on our racks which makes any unfavorable reference to Roman Catholicism. But our Roman Catholic fellow-workers have not been that obedient. Booklets in which the writer reminds the reader that the Roman Catholic church is the "only true Church" are freely distributed. Great pains are taken to show how Peter was the first pope and how anyone who disagrees with this doctrine is seriously in error.

"Trusting that the Lord will bless you in your work, and hoping to hear from you soon."

—R. P. V. (Chaplain).

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TRIALS OF A HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

"FOR a year I have been unofficial and unpaid Chaplain in our County Hospital. The Catholic sisters and their sympathizers among the nurses are bitterly opposed to my trying to lead Catholics to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The Superintendent supports me but nurses do not 'grow on trees' these days, and the pressure is great. One young man, a Mexican, who accepted Christ, tells me he has to hide the New Testament I gave him under his pillow to keep the nuns from taking and destroying it. He has seen them destroy every Gospel and Tract they find around the hospital.

—H. G. F.

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